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Second Coming's Resurrected at Ahoy

Mark Russell & Richard Pace's ***Second Coming*** was *almost* a Vertigo title... then it wasn't. But apparently the second time's the charm: ***Second Coming*** is back on the schedule once again, this time from Ahoy Comics—and this one *will* happen.

In case you missed all the controversy, ***Second Coming*** "is about Jesus Christ returning to Earth for the first time in 2,000 years to be the roommate of Sunstar, the Earth's most powerful superhero," writer *Mark Russell* explained.

So who is Sunstar, and why is Jesus supposed to shadow him? "Sunstar gets his power from our sun. God (the Father), who has long abandoned the human race to its own devices, looks down at the Earth and sees Sunstar kicking ass and is immediately enthralled with him," Russell said. "Still sore about the fact that Jesus allowed himself to be crucified, God sends his son down to Earth to learn from this guy.

"Jesus is supposed to learn how to be more of a traditional god, how to smite people and rule by fear. But instead, Sunstar begins to learn about the limitations of superstrength and physical force. That, despite the fact that it got Jesus crucified, empathy and healing are actually much more useful tools for life on Earth."

Second Coming, a series that has been in the works for Russell and Pace for about a year, wasn't built on controversy; instead, it was built on dissatisfaction—"dissatisfaction with superhero stories and how they always seem to focus on criminals and alien invasions and things that are actually relatively minor concerns on Earth simply because it's what their powers are useful for," Russell said. "I wanted to write a superhero story that addressed problems that superpowers aren't really good at solving. And my equal sense of dissatisfaction with how institutions and governments over the centuries have changed Jesus Christ into their own superhero, where his powers are what are important about him, and not his teachings. I think that's because the powers to grant people eternal life or heal them or make them rich are useful tools for manipulating people. Whereas his teachings about not caring about money or being afraid of power are not particularly useful to institutions that trade in money and power. But I think it's his teachings that represent the real hope he offers people."

Russell is no stranger to works with a religious theme. "I wrote a condensed and modernized version of the Bible (with cartoons by *Shannon Wheeler*) called ***God Is Disappointed in You***. It actually rehabilitated my relationship with the Bible, because it allowed me to see the Bible as 66 (and likely more) authors all struggling with the question of what God wanted from them, which to me, is infinitely more profound than the idea that it's the infallible and direct word of God, which is how it was taught to me. It's ultimately about people coming to terms with their insignificance in the Universe, and religions would be much healthier belief systems if believers could realize that."

The book was initially solicited by DC for March release as a Vertigo title... and then controversy arose. A petition on CitizenGo asking DC not to publish the book eventually gained more than 200,000 signatures. Petitions also appeared on other sites, such as thepetitionsite.com and change.org (although these sites drew far fewer supporters). In mid-February, DC apparently succumbed to the public pressure, cancelling the book. Was Russell surprised by all the uproar? "Yeah, as naive as that may sound, I was. Because as with ***God Is Disappointed in You***, I just sort of assumed people would *read* the book before getting angry about it.

"It's actually very *pro*-Christ. It's a lot less enthusiastic about the people who've weaponized his legacy, though.

"I think there is an assumption by evangelicals and other hardcore believers that anything someone else writes about Jesus Christ is just the work of vandals throwing rocks through windows. The possibility that someone outside their narrow circle might actually have an informed and nuanced opinion about Christ seems to elude them. And, to be fair, sometimes writers *do* just employ Jesus Christ as a cheap joke, for the shock factor alone, but that's not what we're doing here. And there is also a rich history of people using Christ in fiction as a thoughtful way to examine his legacy or as a thought-experiment on human power structures."

Russell has no harsh feelings towards DC regarding the cancellation (in fact, he continues to work for them on such projects as ***The Wonder Twins***): "Publishers have goals of their own. Sometimes our goals complement each other, sometimes they don't. It's okay to admit it when they don't and go separate ways."

As soon as the news regarding the book's cancellation broke, multiple publishers reached out to Russell and Pace to offer the book a new home. The publisher they ultimately went with is Ahoy Comics. "We understand that the publication of ***Second Coming*** will get a strong reaction, and we support Mark and Richard's satiric vision," Ahoy Editor-in-chief *Tom Peyer* (who was one of the original editors for Vertigo Comics) said. "There are going to be people who don't want to read ***Second Coming***, and that's fine. It's not for everyone. But I don't think it should be controversial to maintain that the rest of us have every right to enjoy it."

Ahoy has slated ***Second Coming #1*** for July release—but the book they will be publishing isn't exactly the book that DC would have published. "We are making changes, but now we are making them in the right direction," Russell said. "Ahoy is letting us put more pages in ***Second Coming #1***, and they are letting us go in and redevelop some of the visuals, so it looks better. This book is only getting better, and I couldn't be happier with what Ahoy is doing with it."

"We want to thank DC Comics for letting us find the right home for ***Second Coming***," artist *Richard Pace* added. "After all the manufactured outrage, we're looking forward to seeing what the intended audience for this book thinks when they read the first issue this summer."

While ***Second Coming*** was initially announced as a six-issue series, Russell and Pace are fully prepared to continue the story if the response is sufficiently enthusiastic. "I've written six issues," Russell said, "but ideally, I'd like to see this go longer, as a 12- to 18-issue maxi-series."

Second Coming #1 by *Mark Russell & Richard Pace,* with cover art by *Amanda Conner,* is scheduled for July 10th release.

by Cliff Biggers

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The End of an Era

Readers may notice that there's no ***Amazing Spider-Man*** comic strip this week after more than a decade of appearing in our pages. Alas, King Features Syndicate has ended the long-running comic strip as of the installments published in last week's ***CSN.*** "We had a fabulous run!" artist *Alex Saviuk* posted on Facebook (Saviuk and comics legend *Roy Thomas* have done the honors on the strip for a while now). "Thanks for hiring us, *Stan 'the Man' Lee*!"

The end of the strip also marked the end of inker *Joe Sinnott's* career in comics; the acclaimed inker of ***Fantastic Four*** and many other Marvel titles (who was also a talented penciller in his own right, illustrating early Thor tales in ***Journey into Mystery,*** among many other things) had been inking the ***Spider-Man*** Sunday strip for a while now. Sinnott decided that the strip's end was a perfect time to retire from comics work; after almost seven decades in comics, his retirement is well deserved.

So what else does King Features have in store? Well, for the next couple of months, they'll be reprinting some recent strips by Roy, Alex, and others, but they told ***CSN*** that "we'll be back soon with great new stories and art to explore even more corners of the Marvel Universe for you and your readers to enjoy. We'll be announcing more about these new adventures in the very near future, so keep your Spidey senses tuned in!" Look for more info about King's Marvel comic strip plans in upcoming issues of ***Comic Shop News!***

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Coming Comics—IDW in June

Canto's adventure begins in ***Canto #1*** (by *David M. Booher & Drew Zucker).* Enslaved for generations, Canto's people once had hearts. Now they have clocks. When slavers damage a little tin girl's clock beyond repair, Canto must brave his strange and fantastic world to bring back her heart.

By fire and rock, they will not admit defeat! Through rock and fire, they will fight to the end! In order to demonstrate their abilities, Ludna and his friends must complete one final test: a trek along the Rock Road! But, as their journey begins, they encounter the Children of Aramar, who have their eyes set on stealing some valuable relics in ***Children of Aramar,*** a young-readers tale by *Jos & Sonia Moruno.*

Was it Miss Scarlet in the conservatory with the lead pipe?! In *Dash Shaw's* ***Clue: Candlestick #2,*** suspicions mount, and Scarlet's story is revealed.

Hugo Pratt's ***Corto Maltese: The Early Years TP*** presents the backstory of Corto Maltese first meeting Rasputin at the end of the Russo-Japanese War in 1905. As a bonus, the book includes additional material that sets up the entire series, as well as several never-before-published pages that Pratt intended for a continuation of the tale.

Angeles Cero won't stop killing on her quest for revenge, and the bodies are piling up in ***Crow: Hack/Slash #1,*** a tale by *Tim Seeley & Jim Terry.* Now, slasher hunter Cassie Hack and her monstrous partner Vlad are on the trail of the Crow Killer, assuming her to be one of the masked murderers they've hunted for years. But they aren't the only force trying to make the universe right again.

Darkwing Duck returns in "The Duck Knight Returns" in ***Disney Afternoon Giant #5.*** But where did Darkwing Duck go, and what crisis has sparked his sudden reappearance?

The Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling are turning heel for one night only in ***GLOW #4*** (by *Tini Howard & Hannah Templer)*—but just like any good wrestling match, nothing is quite as it seems!

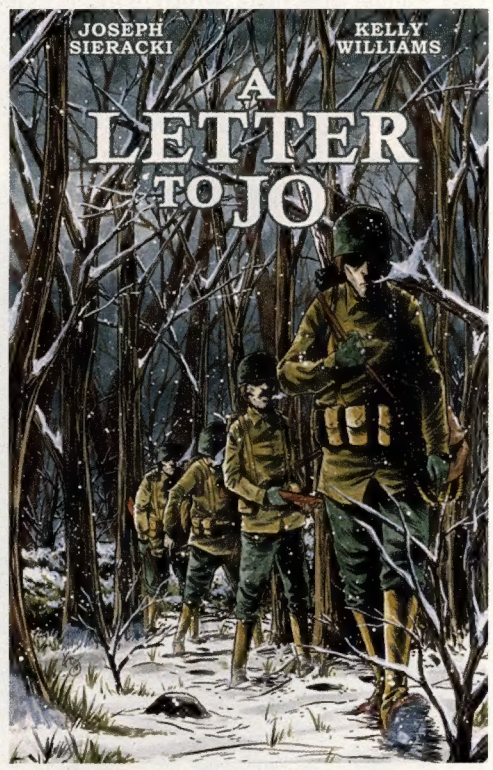
Welcome, foolish mortals... to the Haunted Mansion, where the crypt doors creak and the tombstones quake. The happy haunts are getting ready to throw a swinging wake, and all the goblins and ghoulies are invited in ***Haunted Mansion OGN*** (by *Sina Grace & Egle Bartolini)*—so be sure to bring your death certificate!

Pro wrestling's secrets and greatest moments are immortalized in ***Jim Cornette Presents Behind the Curtain—Real Pro Wrestling Stories,*** a true-story-style anthology that features insider tales showing the lengths that wrestlers went to uphold "kayfabe" (the old carny term for the presentation of legitimate conflict), as well as the noteworthy cultural, racial, and economic effects these events and characters had on society.

A sinister force grows in strength in ***Ghost Tree #3*** (by *Bobby Curnow & Simon Gane)* as Brandt discovers more secrets about his past and his family's connection to the Ghost Tree. Will Brandt be able to discover his true purpose in Japan in time to save himself?

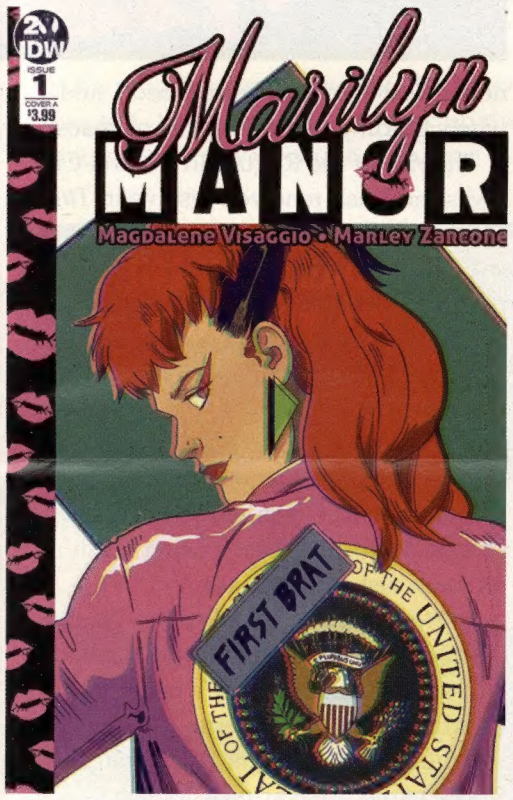
Did you know that when the clock strikes 12, that's when the midnight monsters come out? Johnny Boo knows, but that won't stop him from skateboarding on the back of a wild Tiger or plucking pumpkin ice cream from the gaping maw of a Spooky Tree in *James Kochalka's* ***Johnny Boo and the Midnight Monsters HC.*** And he does it all to impress Susie Boom, the cute little girl ghost who lives on the moon.

As Leonard fights on the front lines of World War II, memories of Josephine and home help keep him alive in ***A Letter to Jo GN TP*** (by *Joseph Sieracki & Kelly Williams*). As Josephine contends with life, family, and work in Cleveland, letters from Leonard sustain her. But official censorship forces him to leave out much of the most significant action he sees. Finally, with the war coming to an end, Leonard is able to tell his full story. In a quietly beautiful letter to Josephine, Leonard writes of the loneliness he felt, the camaraderie he experienced, and the terrible violence he witnessed.



Halloween is on its way, and Little Jackie Lantern is worried! Poor Jackie's been afraid of the haunted holiday since he was only two years old, and he's fretting about the spooky ghosts, ghouls, and witches to come. Will this be the year Little Jackie is finally able to join his friends during trick-or-treating, or will he do what he always does—run home frightened? Find out in the young-readers tale ***Little Jackie Lantern*** (by *Tom Waltz & Jessica Hickman).*

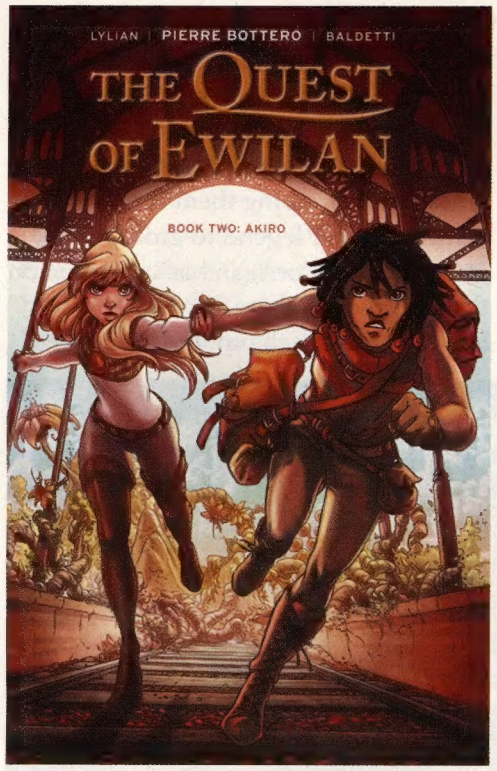
Where were you in '81? When the White House goes dark for 17 days in August, the president's spoiled daughter and her best friend Abe—who claims to be possessed by the spirit of Abe Lincoln—throw a rager at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in ***Marilyn Manor #1*** (by *Magdalene Visaggio & Marley Zarcone),* unearthing long-dead historical figures and government secrets that are better off buried. Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll séances, and secret passageways lead to time-bending mystical romps where past and present collide. But at what cost to Marilyn Kelleher, the world at large, and music television?



One of Shuri's inventions falls into the wrong hands, so she and Black Panther must race against time before the machine can be used as a weapon against all of humanity in ***Marvel Action: Black Panther #6*** (by *Vita Ayala & Arianna Florean).*

When Peter, Miles, and Gwen nab a famous cat burglar in ***Marvel Action Spider-Man #7*** (by *Delilah S. Dawson & Fico Ossio),* they inadvertently make a new enemy in the Black Cat! And she'll stop at nothing to make them wish they had never crossed paths!

Thirteen-year-old Camille comes to accept the fact that she's really the



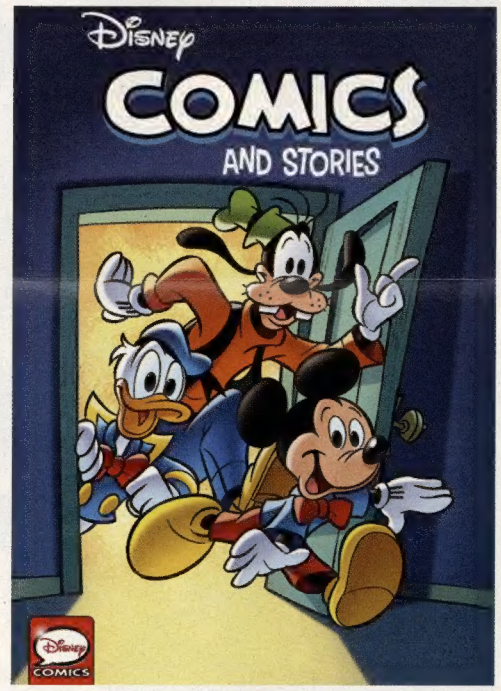
daughter of two powerful magicians from a parallel world. That's good, because the battle against the evil Ts'liches has intensified, and Ewilan may be the Empire's last hope. In ***The Quest of Ewilan Volume 2: Akiro HC*** (by *Pierre Bottero, Lylian, & Laurence Baldetti),* she's joined on her quest by her best friend Salim, Edwin the master of arms, the colossal Bjorn, Maniel, the old Master Duom, and their newest recruit—Ellana, the astonishing Shadowalker.

As the godlike beings prepare for the final round of their games, the captains have their own surprise in store for their powerful tormentors in ***Star Trek: The Q Conflict #6*** (by *Scott Tipton, David Tipton, & David Messina)*—and they're taking it all the way into the Q-Dimension!

With their clash with the Tholian Assembly still fresh in their minds, the crew of the Enterprise, along with their new Tholian passenger, encounter a strange new threat on a very familiar world in ***Star Trek: Year Five #3*** (by *Brandon Easton & Silvia Califano).*

After years of civil war, the Autobots fled Cyberton, leaving their home planet in the evil clutches of Megatron and his Decepticons. Years later and millions of miles away, the Autobots pick up a Cybertronian distress signal from a mysterious planet called Earth. The ghostly signal shouldn't exist, and it'll bring Optimus Prime and his team—including brand-new Autobot Ectotron—face to face with the Ghostbusters in ***Transformers/Ghostbusters #1*** (by *Erik Burnham & Dan Schoening).*

Follow the adventures of rabbit rōnin Miyamoto Usagi as he wanders Edo-period Japan on his warrior's journey in the all-new, full-color ***Usagi Yojimbo #1*** (by *Stan Sakai).* In the start of this three-part story, Usagi becomes embroiled in a puppet drama where the players are not quite what they seem!



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- ***Disney Comics and Stories: Friends Forever TP,*** collecting ***Disney Comics and Stories #s 1–4.***
- ***Godzilla: Complete Rules of Earth Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Rules of Earth #s 13–25.***
- ***Marvel Action: Avengers—The Ruby Egress TP,*** collecting ***Marvel Action: Avengers #s 4–6.***
- ***Marvel Action Classics: Captain America,*** reprinting ***Marvel Adventures Super Heroes #s 8 & 12.***
- ***Night Moves TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.
- ***Star Wars Adventures Treasury Edition: Original Trilogy,*** an oversized volume presenting tales from the trilogy that started them all
- ***Sukeban Turbo TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Urban Legends Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***TMNT: Urban Legends #s 1–13.***
- ***Uncle Scrooge: The Colossal Coin Calamity TP,*** collecting ***Uncle Scrooge #s 38–40.***

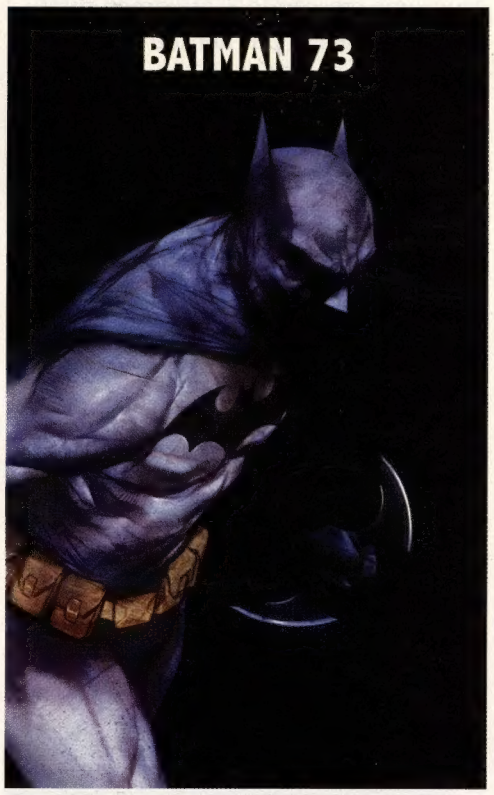
Coming Comics—DC in June

The attacks of Leviathan threaten targets across the globe in ***Action Comics #1012*** (by *Brian Bendis & Szymon Kudranski),* and the agents of the invisible mafia continue to infect Metropolis.

Superboy and Robin have been chased through the galaxy by Rex Luthor and his band of murdering minors... and at last the final battle begins in ***Adventures of the Super Sons #11*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Carlo Barberi, & Matt Santorelli).*

The truth about how Aquaman lost his memory is finally revealed in ***Aquaman #49*** (by *Kelly Sue Deconnick, Viktor Bogdanovic, & Jonathan Glapion).* But can Arthur handle the shocking truth? And whom will Queen Mera decide to marry? And how will Arthur escape the jaws of the terrifying Mother Shark?

Batgirl escapes the madness of Fox's Den only to discover Vulture is hot on her tail and itching for revenge in ***Batgirl #36*** (by *Mairghread Scott, Paul Pelletier, & Norm Rapmund).* Does she stand a chance against this bird of prey?



Bane's army of villains is taking over Gotham, and Batman's back is against the wall in ***Batman #72*** (by *Tom King & Mikel Janin).* And in ***Batman #73,*** Thomas Wayne, aka the Flashpoint Batman, is taking Bruce to the far ends of the Earth to try to give him the one thing that will cause him to give up crime-fighting for good.

In ***Batman and the Outsiders #2*** (by *Bryan Hill & Dexter Soy)*, Sofia Barrera is on the run from an enforcer for the Ark, the program that gave her powers—but in the process, she's fallen into the hands of the mystery man called Kaliber! He claims he wants to protect her... but who's paying his bill? And is Katana already questioning Black Lightning's leadership on their very first mission?

Kevin Eastman, co-creator of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, joins series artist *Freddie E. Williams II* as guest artist for ***Batman/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III #2*** (written by *James Tynion IV)*. Krang's true power has been revealed, and now it's up to Batman and the Turtles to stop him, but their only hope may lie with the strange, yet familiar, visitor from another world.

Will Batman be able to outthink the Dark Multiverse version of himself and stop his most sinister end? Or will the original Dark Knight succumb fully and let go of his morality? Find out in ***The Batman Who Laughs #6*** (by *Scott Snyder & Jock)*. This is not the end... it's only the beginning!

Chaos reigns in Villa Hermosa in ***Catwoman #12*** (by *Joëlle Jones & Fernando Blanco)* as all the bad guys in town rush to fill the void left by the Creel family's ouster. But as Raina Creel's dark plot to resurrect her son comes to a gruesome crescendo, Catwoman may finally be able to put her foe down once and for all.

Millions are dying every minute. Heroes and villains alike are falling. Can the Justice League unite to find a way to stop the spread of death? Can they save humanity from extinction? Can they even save themselves? The key to survival may hinge on the last

moments of one of the World's Finest Heroes in ***DCeased #2*** (by *Tom Taylor, Trevor Hairsine, & Stefano Gaudiano)*.

Deathstroke is dead, secretly killed at the hands of a Teen Titan. As Slade's closest friends, enemies, and frenemies pay their respects (and disrespects) to the World's Deadliest Assassin in ***Deathstroke #44*** (by *Christopher Priest & Fernando Pasarin)*, some uninvited

guests crash the event—the Legion of Doom! But what do they want with the body of the most lethal man on the planet?

On the run from those who want to control the powerful Dial that can give anyone the powers of a random superhero, Miguel and Summer head to the old Justice League Detroit headquarters with the hope of contacting Superman in ***Dial H for Hero #4*** (by *Sam Humphries & Joe Quinones)*.

The Knight's surprising cult within Arkham Asylum unleashes its full power in ***Detective Comics #1005*** (by *Peter Tomasi, Brad Walker, & Andrew Hennessy)*. Who is the Knight, to have inspired so much loyalty? And is there any way of stopping them that won't just cause their legend to grow? Then, Detective Jim Corrigan has been shot on the streets of Gotham City—and the Spectre must reach out to Batman to help him find the secret assassin in ***Detective Comics #1006*** (by *Peter Tomasi & Kyle Hotz)*.

Brian Bendis & Alex Maleev's ***Event Leviathan #1*** kicks off a mystery thriller that stretches across the DC Universe and touches every character from Batman to Superman to the Question to Talia al Ghul. With startling ease, a newly dangerous and aggressive Leviathan wipes out all its competition and now turns its sights to molding the world into its vision of order. Can the

new threat's growth be stopped... and who's guiding its new agents of chaos?

The rise of the Rogues in Central City gives the Flash renewed resolve in ***The Flash #73*** (by *Joshua Williamson & Howard Porter)*. But Barry is still learning to master his abilities, and while an experienced speedster might know how to outrun a gun, this time he may not be so lucky...

In ***The Green Lantern #8*** (by *Grant Morrison & Liam Sharp)*, Green Lantern teams up with Green Arrow to stop a cosmic drug cartel that's using Earth as its main distribution base.

In ***Harley Quinn #62*** (by *Sam Humphries & Otto Schmidt)*, Harley is put on trial to do something she's never been capable of: prove her sanity—or die!

With just five dollars and a knapsack to her name, 15-year-old Harleen Quinzel is sent to live in Gotham City. She's not worried, though—she's battled a lot of hard situations as a kid and knows her determination and outspokenness will carry her through life in the most dangerous city in the world. And when Gotham's finest drag queen, Mama, takes her in, it seems like Harley has finally found a place to grow into her most "true true" with new best friend Ivy at Gotham High. But when Mama's drag cabaret becomes the next victim in the wave of gentrification that's taking over the neighborhood, Harley's fortunes take another turn in ***Harley Quinn: Breaking Glass GN TP*** (by *Mariko Tamaki & Steve Pugh)*. Now she has two choices: join activist Ivy, who's campaigning to make the neighborhood a better place to live, or team up with her anarchist friend Joker, who plans to take down Gotham one corporation at a time.

Travel back in time in ***Hawkman #13*** (by *Robert Venditti & Will Conrad)* to an era when Carter Hall was reincarnated as a soldier in a cosmic army, while his people were at war! But what happens when a being known for constant reincarnation ends up coming back to life as his own enemy, fighting for the other side?

Newly powered up by Mordru, the Justice League Dark have become the Lords of Chaos to stop Doctor Fate before it's too late! But this deal with the devil may cost more than Wonder Woman and her team bargained for in ***Justice League Dark #12*** (by *James Tynion IV, Alvaro Bueno, & Raul Fernandez).*

Superman faces down the World Forger to save the League in ***Justice League #25*** (by *Scott Snyder & Jorge Jimenez).* Can Superman withstand the might of a being that can create worlds from nothing? Then the League returns to Earth in ***Justice League #26*** (by *James Tynion & Javier Fernandez)* to pick up the pieces of their lives—but Lex Luthor has other plans...

In ***Justice League Odyssey #10*** (by *Dan Abnett & Daniel Sampere),* the team is forced to split into pairs to complete a cosmic scavenger hunt for Apokoliptian relics before Darkseid can gather them and bring his master plan to fruition. But while Darkseid is the clear and present danger, a growing distrust between each duo could doom them all!

J'onn J'onnz will do everything in his power to save his family from H'ronnmeer's Curse in ***Martian Manhunter #6*** (by *Steve Orlando & Riley Rossmo)*—but once they discover the type of Manhunter he really is, will they want to go anywhere with him?

With her origins finally revealed, Naomi embraces the journey ahead and charts a course for the future in ***Naomi #6*** (by *Brian Bendis, David F. Walker, & Jamal Campbell),* the final issue of the first "season" of the series.

Last time he was in Gotham City, Jason Todd pretended to be a master criminal in the underworld. But in ***Red Hood: Outlaw #35*** (by *Scott Lobdell & Pete Woods),* it's for real!

The shocking new member of the Shazam family is revealed in ***Shazam! #7*** (by *Geoff Johns & Dale Eaglesham)*—a mystery person who will send shock waves through the entire cast!

The Silencer is on the lam from Leviathan and trying to piece her family life back together in ***The Silencer #18*** (by *Dan Abnett, V. Ken Marion, & Sandu Florea),* the final issue of the series. Will Honor's past continue to plague her, or has she at last earned a peaceful respite from her life of murder and mayhem?

The House of El is united in a cross-over that begins in ***Supergirl #31*** (by *Mark Andreyko, Kevin Maguire, & Sean Parsons)* and continues in ***Superman #12*** (by *Brian Bendis, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado*). The Superman Family must unite to banish Rogol Zaar once and for all! But little do Supergirl, Superman, Superboy, and Jor-El know that Rogol Zaar has brought some friends of his own... from the Phantom Zone! Then it's the House of El against everyone as Superman, Jor-El, Supergirl, and Superboy face intergalactic attacks from Rogol Zaar, General Zod, and an armada of alien warriors and assassins.

Thirteen-year-old Clark Kent knows. He has a supersecret—one his parents are constantly worried will get out. Clark promises to be extra careful, but when random objects begin to take flight and disappear, his parents threaten to ground him. Except he's innocent! If Superman isn't responsible... who is? Join Clark in ***Superman of Smallville GN TP*** (by *Art Baltazar & Franco)* as he sniffs out the real culprit.

From the burning world of Krypton to the bucolic fields of Kansas, ***Superman Year One #1*** (the first issue of a three-part DC Black Label title by *Frank Miller, John Romita Jr, & Danny Miki)* tracks Clark Kent's youth in Kansas, as he comes to terms with his strange powers and struggles to find his place in our world.

Lobo brought Crush into this world... and in ***Teen Titans #31*** (by *Adam Glass & Bernard Chang),* he's gonna take her out! Can the team put their drama aside to help Crush battle her deadbeat dad?

The mystery of the God Game deepens in ***The Terrifics #17*** (by *Gene Luen Yang & Stephen Segovia),* and the Terrifics find themselves face to face with a being unlike any they've ever encountered before. But is this digital deity benevolent... or is this an angry god?

IO has betrayed the world, and Skywatch wants to burn it in ***The Wild Storm #24*** (by *Warren Ellis & Jon Davis-Hunt),* the series finale. The only people in the middle are Jenny Mei Sparks' ragtag team of wounded orphans of the secret world.

A battle royal between minor-league heroes and villains ends in tragedy and a horrifying revelation in ***Wonder Twins #5*** (by *Mark Russell & Stephen Byrne),* teaching the world the true price of not taking people seriously.

In ***Wonder Woman #73*** (by *Steve Orlando & Aaron Lopresti),* Diana relates the story of the real first time she left Themyscira... and traveled with her mother to a bizarre alternate version of their home, where Empress Hippolyta

reigned with an iron fist and her mother had to battle for her life against the worst possible version of herself!

The secrets of Gemworld begin to unlock themselves in ***Young Justice #6*** (by *Brian Bendis, John Timms, & Elena Casagrande)*—but is it too late for the teen heroes to help Amethyst bring some order to her chaotic realm?

DC collected editions (advance solicited for July, August, and September release) include:

- ***Animal Man by Jeff Lemire Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Animal Man #s 0–29 & Annual #s 1–2*** and more.
- ***Absolute Dark Knight III: The Master Race HC,*** collecting ***The Master Race #s 1–9,*** including the insert comics reproduced at the same size as the main comics, plus ***The Dark Knight Returns: The Last Crusade #1.***

- ***Batman by Scott Snyder & Greg Capullo Omnibus Volume 1 HC,*** collecting ***Batman (New 52) #s 1–33.***
- ***Batman Beyond Volume 5: The Final Joke TP,*** collecting ***Batman Beyond #s 25–30.***
- ***Batman and Robin by Peter J. Tomasi & Patrick Gleason Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Batman and Robin #s 20–22, #s 0–40 (New 52),*** and much more.
- ***Batman Deluxe Edition Book Four HC,*** collecting ***Batman #s 45–57*** and more.
- ***DC Comics Bombshells Deluxe Edition Book Two HC,*** collecting ***DC Comics Bombshells #s 7–12.***
- ***The Books of Magic Volume 1: Moveable Type TP,*** collecting ***The Books of Magic #s 1–6*** and more.
- ***Crisis on Infinite Earths Box Set,*** a massive $500 set that includes ***Crisis on Multiple Earths Volumes 1–6 HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths: All-Star Squadron HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths: Green Lantern HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths: Justice League HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths: Legends HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths: Infinity Inc HC, Crisis on Infinite Earths: Superman HC,*** and ***Crisis on Infinite Earths: Behind the Crisis HC.***

- ***Doom Patrol: The Bronze Age Omnibus HC,*** collecting Doom Patrol appearances from ***Showcase #s 94–96, DC Comics Presents #52, Daring New Adventures of Supergirl #s 7–9, Doom Patrol #s 1–18, Doom Patrol and Suicide Squad Special #1, Superman #20, Doom Patrol Annual #1,*** and more, including lots of stories never before collected—and at least one that's never before *published!*
- ***Green Arrow Volume 7: Citizen's Arrest TP,*** collecting ***Green Arrow #s 43–47 & Annual #2.***
- ***Flashpoint Box Set,*** including trade paperbacks of ***Flashpoint, Flashpoint: World of Flashpoint Featuring Batman, Flashpoint: World of Flashpoint Featuring Green Lantern, Flashpoint: World of Flashpoint Featuring The Flash, Flashpoint: World of Flashpoint Featuring Superman,*** and ***Flashpoint: World of Flashpoint Featuring Wonder Woman.***

- ***The Green Lantern Volume 1: Intergalactic Lawman HC,*** collecting ***The Green Lantern #s 1–6.***
- ***House of Whispers Volume 1: The Powers Divided TP,*** collecting ***House of Whispers #s 1–6*** and more.
- ***Hellblazer Volume 21: The Laughing Magician TP,*** collecting ***Hellblazer #s 239–249*** and ***Hellblazer Special: Lady Constantine #s 1–4.***
- ***Injustice 2 Volume 5 TP,*** collecting ***Injustice 2 #s 25–30.***
- ***Injustice 2 Volume 6 HC,*** collecting ***Injustice 2 #s 31–36 & Annual #2.***
- ***Justice League Volume 3: Hawkworld TP,*** collecting ***Justice League #s 13–18 & Annual #1.***
- ***Joker TP,*** a softcover version of the tale by *Brian Azzarello, Lee Bermejo, & Mick Gray.*
- ***JSA by Geoff Johns Book Three TP,*** collecting ***JSA: All Stars #s 1–8, JSA Annual #1, JSA Secret Files and Origins #2, JSA #s 26–31,*** and more.
- ***New Teen Titans Omnibus Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***New Teen Titans v2 #s 10–31 & Annual #s 1–2*** and more.
- ***The Sandman Volume 10: The Waker 30th Anniversary TP,*** collecting ***Sandman #s 70–75.***
- ***Swamp Thing: Roots of Terror Deluxe Edition HC,*** collecting ***Swamp Thing Winter Special #1, Swamp Thing Halloween Horror Giant #1,*** and stories from ***Cursed Comics Cavalcade #1*** and ***Young Monsters in Love #1.***
- ***Suicide Squad: Katana—The Revenge of Kobra TP,*** collecting tales from ***Suicide Squad Black Files #s 1–6.***
- ***The Trials of Shazam!: The Complete Series TP,*** collecting the 12-issue series in trade paperback.
- ***Wonder Woman by John Byrne Volume 3 HC,*** collecting ***Wonder Woman #s 125–136.***
- ***Wonder Woman Volume 9: The Enemy of Both Sides TP,*** collecting ***Wonder Woman #s 51–55*** and more.
- ***Wonder Woman: Blood and Guts TP,*** collecting ***Wonder Woman (New 52) #s 1–12.***
- ***Y—The Last Man Omnibus HC,*** a massive volume collecting the entire 60-issue run of the award-winning series.

Coming in November from DC Collectibles

- ***DC Designer Series Batman by Frank Miller Statue,*** an 8" sculpture by *Jonathan Mathews* based on Miller's ***Dark Knight Returns*** art.
- ***DC Engines of Chaos: Batman Statue,*** a sculpture designed by *Riley Rossmo* set in a dystopian post-apocalyptic world in which heroes and villains cruise a barren wasteland on distinctly individualized bikes and vehicles as they fight for control in this new world.
- ***Batman Black & White Batman by Joe Madureira Statue,*** based on the variant cover art of ***Justice League: Rebirth #1.***
- ***Dark Nights: Meta Batman—The Red Death Statue,*** featuring the ***Metal*** mashup of Batman and the Flash based on art by *Greg Capullo.*

• *DC Gallery: The Batman Who Laughs Cowl,* a 1:2 scale polyresin depiction of the cowl of *Metal's* menacing Batman/Joker mashup.

• *Batman Black & White Mini-Figure Seven-Pack Box Set Four,* featuring seven 3.75" PVC figures based on *Batman: Black & White* sculpts of *Brian Bolland's Penguin, Carmine Infantino's Robin, Carmine Infantino's Batman, Chris Uminga's Batman, Jae Lee's Batman,* and *Brian Bolland's Batman,* along with *Norm Breyfogle's Batman* (exclusive to this set).

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in June

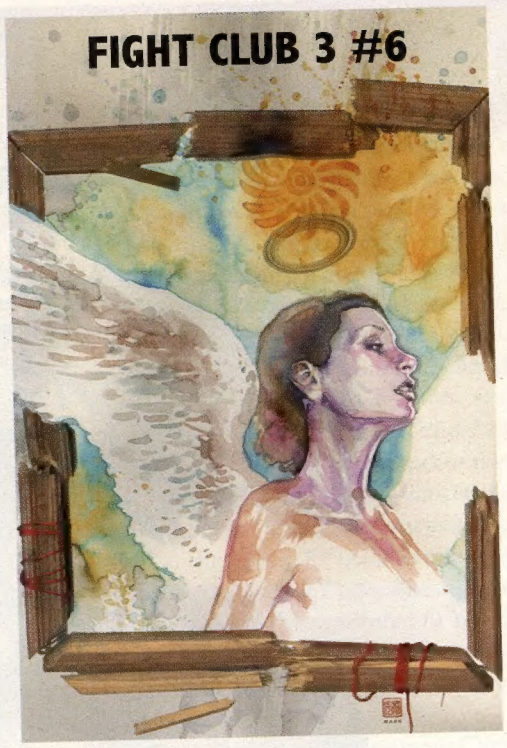
The Art of Bravest Warriors HC includes production material, storyboards, and scripts from early stages of the show's production, as well a selection of art sure to appeal to fans of the series.

When Pope Innocent VIII dies, the corrupt Cardinal Rodrigo Borgia schemes, murders, and seduces his way into becoming the new pope, immediately securing positions for his family and thereby ensuring a Borgia dynasty, in ***The Borgias TP*** (by *Alejandro Jodorowsky & Milo Manara).*

Olaf's friend from the orphanage, Hedda, receives a personal invitation to Arendelle Castle in ***Disney's Frozen: The Hero Within #1*** (by *Joe Caramagna & Kawaii Creative Studio).* But as Kristoff knows, life at an orphanage can be unpredictable and full of surprises...

Relive the classic Disney fairy tale through the first-person perspective of Snow White herself in ***Disney's Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs #1*** (by *Cecil Castellucci & Gabriele Bagnoli).*

Napoleonic soldiers, angels, and the history of art theft come together in ***Fight Club 3 #6*** (by *Chuck Palahniuk & Cameron Stewart)* as a young man ventures through the looking glass in pursuit of Epistasis Theory and the one True Cross.



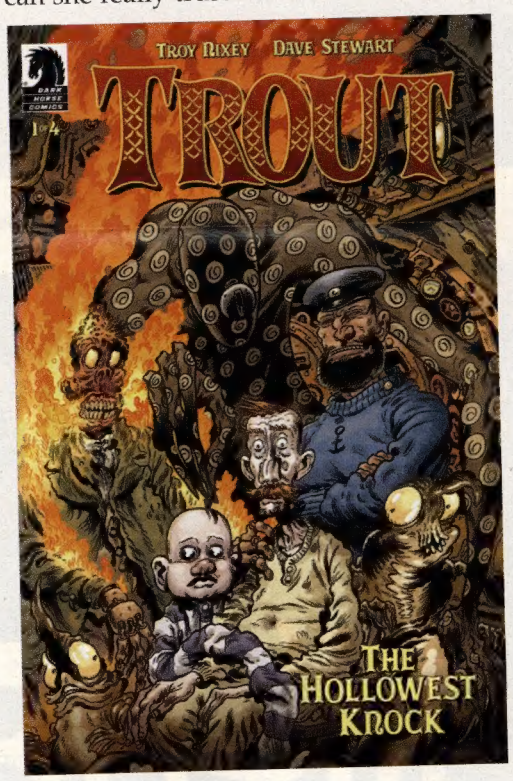
Hellboy and the BPRD: The Beast of Vargu (a oneshot by *Mike Mignola & Duncan Fegredo)* sends Hellboy to Romania for a pair of tales, set in a small village with a centuries-old curse and a man-eating monster, which culminate in a sinister puppet show and a demigod's ill-fated dinner.

In the midst of feudal Japan, a young girl who is the daughter of an Irish witch and a samurai master, Isabellae Ashiwara, roams the countryside with her father's ghost at her side, earning her living by her sword and searching for her long-lost sister, Siuko. Fighting against all odds, Isabellae must take charge of her destiny once and for all and face her past in order to move forward in ***Isabellae Volume 1 HC*** (by *Raule & Gabor).*

Luna's relationship with Gary sparks a new internal fight: attempt to launch into normalcy, or keep excavating Mayura's past? Bill is pressured to use the Flying Woman's technology for evil in ***She Could Fly: The Lost Pilot #3*** (by *Christopher Cantwell & Martin Morazzo),* but he has other plans.

Neil Gaiman & Colleen Doran's ***Snow, Glass, Apples HC*** presents a chilling fantasy retelling of the Snow White fairy tale. A not-so-evil queen is terrified of her monstrous stepdaughter and determined to repel this creature and save her kingdom from a world where happy endings aren't so happily ever after.

Trapped inside the mysterious Hawkins Laboratory, gifted teen Francine struggles with nightmares and dark flashbacks as Dr Brenner attempts to truly unlock her precognitive powers in ***Stranger Things: Six #2*** (by *Jody Houser, Edgar Salazar, & Keith Champagne).* And an old friend tries to make amends—but can she really trust him?



Blaming him for the loss of the children of lower Upton, the townsfolk burn down Giuseppe's turnip factory and run him and Trout out of town in *Troy Nixey's* ***Trout: The Hollowest Knock #1.*** Sick and distraught, the two have no other recourse but to travel across the ocean to Giuseppe's childhood village. Trout is lost along the way, and Giuseppe is forced to deal with his brother's meddling in order to find the mysterious little boy he's sworn to protect.

Dark Horse collected editions include:

• ***Aliens: Resistance TP,*** collecting the four-issue miniseries.

• ***Anthem: Strong Alone, Stronger Together HC*** collects the three-issue miniseries.

• ***Archie vs Predator TP,*** collecting the four-issue miniseries.

• ***Disney's Frozen: Reunion Road TP,*** collecting the three-issue series.

• ***Disney: 365 Days with Winnie the Pooh HC,*** collecting ***Winnie the Pooh*** comic strips originally published in Sunday newspapers from 1966 to 1986.

• ***Disney • Pixar Toy Story Adventures Volume 2 TP,*** collecting more than 200 pages of comics inspired by ***Toy Story 3*** and ***Toy Story 4.***

• ***EC Archives: Crime SuspenStories Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Crime SuspenStories #s 19-27.***

• ***Eerie Archives Volume 27 HC,*** collecting ***Eerie #s 132-139,*** which completes Dark Horse's reprint run of this classic Warren title.

• ***Girl in the Bay TP,*** collecting ***Girl in the Bay #s 1–4.***

• ***Spirits of the Dead TP,*** collecting 16 *Richard Corben* adaptations of classic *Edgar Allan Poe* short tales.

• ***Starcraft: Soldiers TP,*** collecting the four-issue miniseries.

• ***Wyrd TP,*** collecting ***Wyrd #s 1–4.***

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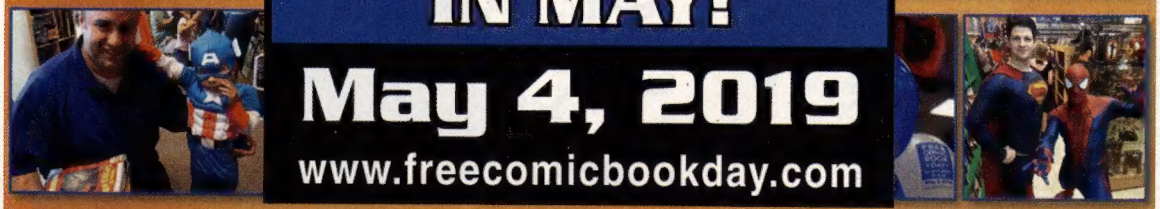

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